

Action Assignment 5a. REVIEWER'S SCORING SHEET

Please evaluate the attached grant proposal using the following scale for each criterion listed below:

5 = Excellent 4 = Good 3 = Average 2 = Weak 1 = Poor 0 = not evident

Criteria	Description	Score
Demonstration of need or problem	Proposal documents or demonstrates a real need or problem (it uses convincing data, case studies, interviews, focus group results, media attention, etc.).	4
Timeliness, urgency	The proposal shows that the investment in this work is urgent, timely, pressing, "hot"; recent data, events, press attention, etc., help to bring this home, without overstating.	5
Clear, tangible outcomes.	Objectives and outcomes for the project are clear and measurable or tangible (For example, the project will result in improved client status, greater public awareness, new products, new or improved systems, replicable models, provision of services, research findings, etc.).	5
Sound methodologies.	The proposed methods, approaches, and strategies are realistic, reasonable, effective, outcome-oriented - drawing on best practice and the latest thinking and research.	5
Organizational credibility	The organization has credibility for this kind of work (strength, name recognition, a history or track record of achievements, related mission and goals, unique position, letters of support).	4
Staffing.	The human resource allocation to this project is appropriate (internal staff expertise, use of external consultants, advisory committee).	5
Participation	Stakeholders, partners, clients, beneficiaries, and funder representatives will participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project.	0
Collaboration	The proposal includes new partnerships and a collaborative approach.	5
Innovation/Creativity/Uniqueness.	The concept is innovative and not redundant with other projects.	5
Multicultural/intergenerational	There is clear recognition of the value of diversity and use of a multicultural and/or intergenerational approach.	0
Evaluation plan	There is a solid evaluation plan.	0
Dissemination	The results of the project will be effectively disseminated (e.g., in peer review journals, through press events, mailings, list-servs, web sites, etc.).	5
Replicability	The proposed model is replicable.	5
Sustainability	The project is sustainable; it will be institutionalized; alternative sources of funding will be pursued.	4
Inkind contributions	There are inkind contributions or matches (funding, staffing, equipment, office space, etc.).	5
Technology	There is innovative use of emerging technologies.	4
Overall value	The overall value of the project (the relationship of benefits to costs) is high. The overhead or indirect rate is reasonable and competitive.	5
Fit with funder	The project has a clear fit with the funder's priorities and parameters; it is informed by research on and presubmission dialogue with the funder.	5
Proposal clarity, organization, and completeness	The content of the proposal is well organized, there is a logical progression of ideas; the writing style is economical (not verbose or convoluted); the funder guidelines for organization and contents of the proposal are followed.	4
Visual Presentation	The visual presentation is effective; it includes helpful graphics/charts/tables, exhibits, marketing materials, etc. (pursuant to funder preferences); the proposal is neat and orderly.	5
Total Score		80 /100

TITLE of GRANT REVIEWED: VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars

COMMENTS: Great job on your grant John! I like your idea of connecting students to veterans. It will be a great experience for high school students and they will probably learn more from this experience than from any lecture you could give them. The one area that I could not find included in your grant is the evaluation process. How are you going to evaluate the effectiveness of your grant? Or how will you evaluate the student's podcasts? Will you give them any guidelines and must haves for their interviews? Also, will the grantors or veterans be involved in your evaluation process? I was unsure how others will participate in your grant.

Your grant was well organized and easy to read and understand. The charts were helpful and a great way to display your information. You outlined your technology needs effectively.. I think it is great that you are not only asking for devices and hardware, but also professional development to help your project.

I accept your grant! Best of luck!

DECISION: Accept